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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, IN
SUBJ: REPORTING SCHEDULE ON INDIAN ELECTIONS

1. WE CURRENTLY ARE THINKING OF FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR PERIODIC CONSOLIDATED REPORTS TO DEPT ON INDIAN ELECTIONS. WE ASSUME, OF COURSE, THAT CONGENS WILL CONTINUE USUAL EXCELLENT SPOT REPORTING OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR OUTSIDE OF THIS SPECIFIC SCHEDULE.

2. BY FEBRUARY 1, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONGEN AND USIS JOINT ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL INDIAN PRESS (ENGLISH AND VERNACULAR) ATTITUDES AND HANDLING OF COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS. EVALUATION OF PRESS COVERAGE OF OPPOSITION AND CONGRESS SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN EACH OF SUBSEQUENT ELECTION ASSESSMENTS SUBMITTED (SEE BELOW).

3. THURSDAY, FEB 3, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONGENS' DETAILED ASSESSMENTS OF CONGRESS "TICKET" DISTRIBUTION WITHIN CONSULAR DISTRICTS SO FAR AS THIS CAN BE DONE. ON THURSDAYS, FEB 17, 24, MARCH 3 AND MARCH 10, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE GENERAL CONGEN EVALUATIONS OF HOW ELECTION IS SHAPING UP IN YOUR AREAS AND KEY LOCAL ISSUES
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AND PROBLEMS WHICH APPEAR LIKELY TO AFFECT RESULTS.

4. THE MAIN FOCUS OF OUR OWN REPORTING WILL PROBABLY BE ON THE ATMOSPHERE AND DEGREE OF FAIRNESS WITH WHICH THE ELECTION IS BEING CONDUCTED. WE EXPECT TO AVOID SPECIFIC ATTEMPTS TO FORMALLY REPORT TO WASHINGTON ON STATE-BY-STATE PROSPECTS FOR CONGRESS AND OPPOS-

TION CANDIDATES, ALTHOUGH GENERAL TREND AS CAMPAIGN
PROGRESSES WILL PROBABLY BE SIGNALLED TO DEPARTMENT.
WE NEED FOR OUR OWN INTERNAL EVALUATION, HOWEVER, THE
MORE DETAILED AND SPECIFIC REPORTING WE HAVE REQUESTED
ABOVE.

5. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THIS GENERAL APPROACH POSES
ANY PROBLEMS.
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